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1. [] it is expected that a military call-up will take place in northern Albania at the end of March 1950; the classes of 1895 to 1912 have reportedly been alerted, and the villagers have received orders not to leave without advising the authorities.
2. [] all villages have courts whose members are elected by the people and which are independent of the police. The members of these courts receive no salaries and do not bear arms, but may impose sentences up to three months; more serious cases are handled by Government courts. The members of the juries are said to be predominantly nationalist in sentiment.
3. [] Albanian townspeople have lost all hope for the liberation of the country from within and see a third World War as their only hope for a change; the mountain people, on the other hand, are somewhat more hopeful and ready for action.
4. Some 9,000 [] refugees who were formerly at Shkoder and Elbasan have recently been transferred to Burel and Basuk.
5. Resistance bands, thus far unidentified, are allegedly active in the Vlone-Dukat-Kurvalesh area.
6. It is said that no foreign ships have loaded or unloaded any war materiel at Dures since 12 July 1949.

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